Provide Error-Free FAA Airworthiness Certification Packages

Goal: Submit Error-Free Airworthiness Certification Packages to the FAA

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Submitted FAA Airworthiness Certification Packages

- FAA is now ISO approved and has a Quality
 Management System (QMS). We are looking to
 constantly improve our procedures and the way we
 do business. All of us can:
 - Examine and evaluate the procedures we use such as FAA
 Order 8130.2F and AC 21-12B and determine if we use them effectively
 - Ask ourselves questions, such as:
 - Are we submitting error–free airworthiness packages to the FAA?
 - If not, where are these errors being found?
 - How can we improve?



Submitted Amateur-built Aircraft Records/Packages

- The FAA took a sample of 27 amateur-built aircraft records/packages out of 2600 airworthiness documentation files from the Civil Aviation Registry and evaluated them for accuracy and completeness
- All 27 records had errors
- 73% of most frequently occurring errors are:
 - Missing program letter or three-view drawing or photo (14%)
 - Missing information on Aircraft Registration Application,
 Form 8050-1 (3%)
 - Missing information on operating limitations letter (2%)



Submitted Amateur-built Aircraft Records/Packages

- The following errors were specific to the Application for U.S. Airworthiness Certificate, Form 8130-6
 - Erroneous check mark on section V. B. (10%)
 - Incomplete section III.C. Aircraft Operation & Maintenance Records, block concerning "If Records in Compliance with 14 CFR 91.417" (8%)
 - Missing/erroneous AD compliance check on section III (8%)
 - Missing information on section V, FAA Representative Certification (6%)
 - Aircraft model name discrepancy between application and the Airworthiness Certificate, Form 8130-7 (5%)



Submitted Amateur-built Aircraft Records/Packages

- The following errors are specific to the Application for U.S. Airworthiness Certificate, Form 8130-6 (Cont)
 - Missing check mark on section VIII (5%)
 - Missing "N/A" on section III B. (4%)
 - Discrepancy in aircraft make/model between Form 8130-6 application and operating limitations letter (3%)
 - Discrepancy in aircraft model name on Form 8130-6 application and the Aircraft Registration Application, Form 8050-1 (2%)
 - Erroneous/Missing check mark on section V A. (2%)



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FAA Quality Management System

- The goal is to reduce FAA review time for these packages and submit error-free airworthiness certification records to the Aircraft Registry, AFS-750
- In this case, the FAA procedures were not being followed by the FAA or their designees
- The following improvement is recommended
 - The FAA and designees need to evaluate all airworthiness records and packages more closely and examine all documents for accuracy and completeness.

FAA Quality Management System

- Answers to the questions at beginning of the presentation:
 - Are we submitting error—free airworthiness packages within the FAA?
 - No, too many errors are being found.
 - Where are these errors being found?
 - Sampled amateur-built records and packages, but it may include other airworthiness certification activities.
 - Do we need to and can we improve?
 - Yes, we all need to improve and we can!

Questions!